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<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Transition pet shops to adoption centres (can only sell dogs sourced from rescues).</p>	<p>We are against cats and dogs being sold in pet shops. We agree they should not sell puppies as this inadvertently or deliberately helps fund Puppy Farming.</p> <p>Shelter dogs need to be managed by skilled people and need to be housed in a safe environment. Pet Shops are not the place for shelter dogs.</p> <p>Help pet shops update their businesses so that they can survive without having to sell dogs.</p> <p>It is not a good environment for either cats or dogs to be in, even for a week or two.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory dog de-sexing.</p>	<p>Mandatory de-sexing is not going to impact on people who operate outside the law. They do what they want now and they will continue to do so.</p> <p>This is just forcing people to put their beloved pets through major surgery when perhaps they do not wish to or are not ready to do.</p> <p>People should be made aware of the consequences of this surgery, such as increased risk of joint and soft tissue damage, increased risk of some cancers, possibly shortened life span. The information in the Government paper is misleading.</p> <p>I am concerned for a lot of elderly dogs who will be subjected to mandatory de-sexing and will be at risk if they are undergo surgery.</p> <p>I also believe this is an individual choice and many households responsibly allow their pets to have a litter.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce a centralised registration system and Council registration to be Breeder.</p>	<p>Central Register. Why do we need this when we all register with the local government now?</p> <p>Who will have access to this information?</p> <p>How will my privacy be protected?</p> <p>Can I opt out like I can in My Health? If not why not?</p> <p>Why will it cost me more?</p> <p>My dog has a life registration, what is happening in that space? I don't want to register my dog yearly.</p>
<p><i>My thoughts on:</i> Introduce mandatory standards for dog breeding, housing, husbandry, transport and sale.</p>	<p>What would those standards be and who will decide them?</p> <p>Why has there been no consultation on this?</p>